

*Miss Julia.* Jacob, and his whole family, settled near the city of Shechem. He had twelve sons, and a daughter, named Dinah. This young woman, being curious, wanted to go out to see the young women of Shechem. She therefore went, and the king's son happening to see her, he fell in love with her, and carried her off. Jacob's sons, being informed of this, fell into a great passion; but the king said to them, Do not be angry, give my son your sister for a wife, and let us be friends with each other. Dinah's brothers consented to this; but two of them, Simeon and Levi, were resolved to be revenged. They treacherously murdered the king, his son, and all the men of Shechem, and put their wives in prison. When Jacob heard of these wicked proceedings, he was very angry with them, and was afraid it would give rise to a war from the neighbouring towns. But God comforted him, and promised him, as he had done before to  
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Abraham and Isaac, that he would give to his children the country where he then dwelt. After this, Jacob left that place, and went to Bethel, afterwards called Bethlehem. After their arrival there, Rachael had another son, and died soon after he was born, having named him Benoni, that is, the child of sorrow; but his father gave him the name of Benjamin, and Rachael was buried near Bethlehem.

*Miss Sprightly.* It appears to me, Mademoiselle, that all Jacob's children were not good; for Simeon and Levi were very unjust, as well as cruel, to kill all the inhabitants of the city of Shechem, since they were not guilty.

*Mademoiselle.* They were almost all wicked, my dear, as you will perceive by-and-by. Judah, the eldest, committed great crimes; but Joseph was a very good man.

*Lady Charlotte.* Good God! there is so much pleasure in doing our duty, that I cannot conceive how any body can be  
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